

## 85 Per Cent of Pianos in Fairmont Claimed Out of Tune by Piano Expert

Ralph Hawley Declares Few Persons Realize Need of Frequent Tuning.

Unsettled weather, especially the sort that has prevailed in recent weeks exerts both a peculiar and distressing influence on the piano, according to Ralph Hawley, local piano tuner. "It is not unlikely that 85 per cent of the pianos in Fairmont are out of tune and while the discordant or untrue tones are not always immediately distinguishable to the average ear yet they work a certain effect on most persons. That is particularly so in the cases of children who are being taught to play the piano and in those homes where pianos are out of tune, children are being trained in faulty tones," Mr. Hawley pointed out today.

This out of tune comes on so gradually that the children learn nothing different because of their constant association with the family piano on which they are learning to play. It is when they go out of their homes and perform on strange pianos that they feel the brunt of having learned to play on a piano of faulty tune."

Other stringed instruments have to be tuned almost constantly, Mr. Hawley said, and he declared it is surprising that pianos stay in fairly good tune as long as they do. "A piano is not better than its one or two matter what it cost and a really fine piano, running into hundreds of dollars value, is surely very much mistreated when permitted to be out of tune any length of time," he declared.

There is at least one music teacher in Fairmont who has her piano tuned four times each year. Mr. Hawley said, and perhaps others do likewise or have the pianos put into perfect harmony at very frequent intervals. The lady's pupils are successful musicians when she gets through with them, their ears are trained in tone quality and precision as well as their fingers in the technique of playing. Those perfect-tune pianos are, in a large measure, responsible for the pupils' accurate trained ears.

The importance of frequent piano tuning is being recognized more and more each year. It is time for dealers to do all in their power to popularize frequent tuning of pianos and for salesmen to encourage it. Pianos are now turned on an average of once in four years. At least two tunings per year are necessary."

"Dampness causes most piano troubles. It rusts the strings, swells the action causing keys to stick and it causes ivories to turn yellow and varnish to crack. Open the lid and ventilate the dampness out. Catch all the moisture! Oil of cedar or powdered moth balls on the floor inside of the piano will keep moths out. No device of construction can overcome the effects of heat and cold which expands and contracts the strings. Turn the piano out of tune. The 30,000 pounds of strain exerted by the strings upon the frame is out of balance when the piano is out of tune, so it is important to have the piano tuned frequently. You will have a better piano if you do."

### STURM'S MILL

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fortney of Haywood spent the week-end and Christmas Day with Mr. Fortney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fortney.

Mr. and Mrs. Arla C. Tetrick and son, Lionel, spent Christmas with Mrs. Tetrick's mother, Mrs. Allie Cunningham of Long Run.

W. H. Holbert was a guest at the home of Mrs. Eliza Tetrick Sunday.

A. C. Tetrick was a business visitor in Fairmont Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Kellar were Christmas eve callers at the home of James and Henry Sturm.

W. H. and J. D. Holbert were visitors in Fairmont Saturday.

D. S. Tetrick was a business visitor in Worthington Monday.

Marvin Tetrick of Tetrick's Ridge transacted business here Saturday.

Misses Sallie and Lucia Tetrick transacted business in Fairmont Saturday.

Bad Ordon was in this community Tuesday.

Jackson Anderson of Long Run was a business visitor here Tuesday.

A. C. Stackpole was a visitor in Fairmont Saturday.

Harold Martin of Stringtown is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arla C. Tetrick.

Local people attending the opening of the Virginia Theatre at Fairmont Monday were Mrs. Marcella Richardson, Mrs. Nora Tetrick and son, Harvey, Essie Tetrick, Eva Ball, Sallie Tetrick, Lucia Tetrick, Mrs. James Ball, Hugh Ball, James Ball, A. C. Stackpole, James Satterfield and John Ball.

Lawrence Cain of Annabell transacted business here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Holbert were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jett.

A. Q. Fortney was a caller at Binghamon Monday.

Mrs. Carrie Kellar transacted business at Binghamon Tuesday.

Harold Kellar, who has been attending the Fairmont State Normal School is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal U. Kellar.

Mrs. Anna Garteil of Fairmont spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Tetrick.

H. F. Sturm transacted business at Binghamon Tuesday.

Albert Michael of Farmington visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Lou Wolf visited Mrs. Emma Stackpole Sunday and Christmas Day.

Theodore Martin of Upper Binghamon transacted business here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess of Annabell were the week-end guests of Mrs. Hess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sturm.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sturm and children, Forest and Genevieve, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Aschcraft of Enterprise recently.

Miss Gladys Tate is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan of Annabell.

Mrs. Arthur M. Holbert and children, Forest and Harry, left last week for Oakland, Md., where they will be the guests of Mrs. Holbert's mother, Mrs. Wilt, for some time.

Mrs. Bessie Connor visited at A. Q. Fortney's Tuesday.

Miss Hattie Martin of Long Run was a Sunday caller at the home of her aunt, Miss Amanda McIntire.

Miss Clance Tetrick transacted business at Shinnston Wednesday.

A. M. Holbert was a business caller in Fairmont Saturday.

James and Henry Sturm were business callers in Shinnston Wednesday.

James E. Fowler was at Binghamon Saturday.

Those calling at Charles Criss' Wednesday were Mrs. Bessie Connor and children, Bertha, Mildred, Ruth, and Blanche, Mrs. Emma Hefflin, Mrs. Darrell Tetrick, Miss Ollie Fortney, Eleanor and Helen Hess.

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## EXPANSION PLAN FOR UNIVERSITY ON BROAD BASIS

Great Possibilities for State Institution Seen by President Trotter.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 29.—When West Virginia University has obtained its full growth, it will be an institution of service which will be as nearly as possible meet the needs of every person in West Virginia and, of course, at the same time, serve the other states who send their sons and daughters to West Virginia to secure an education.

Dr. Frank B. Trotter, president of the University, sees great possibilities for the school in the next few years.

There is an insistent demand for an expansion of the University school of medicine into a four-year medical school of the most advanced type. Such a school will doubtless be established as soon as the state can furnish adequate hospital facilities for clinical work, make other additions to the equipment of the school, and expand the staff of the medical school to the necessary degree. A bill to provide for a four-year medical course at the University is being introduced into the 1923 session of the State Legislature, the bill having been prepared by a committee from the State Medical Society, which has already endorsed the project. The committee is composed of Dr. George McQuone of Charleston, Dr. John N. Simpson of the medical school, Dr. C. A. Ray, of Charleston, and Dr. A. T. Nutt of Elkins.

Funds have already been asked for a building to house the department of education of the University. This department will be expanded to a school or college of education at an early date.

The courses in business administration are rapidly growing into a department of business administration, and such a department may soon become a special school, if the demand continues to grow as in recent years for training for the business world.

A graduate school in which West Virginians may take advanced work without having to migrate to distant states will be started this year if sufficient finances are made available.

The University summer school will not be complete until courses in mining and other special work are included with the regular work. Already the training in agriculture and in law has been offered in summer as well as work in the college of arts and sciences.

The housing of all the departments, schools and colleges of the University in a comfortable way and so that the maximum efficiency in student training is possible must be worked out. Much has already been done and more is contemplated or has already been insured by appropriations. The building of two more dormitories for women and extensive dormitories for men are imperative needs of the early future.

Plans have been considered for the establishment of a branch of the summer school in the Southern part of the state. The question of money is the big one here, as already there has come to the University such a demand for work of this kind that there can be no doubt of the service that such a school would render to the people of the state.

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## IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Grace Lutheran

Sunday school will be held at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow with F. H. Fry, superintendent, in charge. "Fondling the Christ Child" will be the subject of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. Roy J. Meyer, pastor of the church, at the regular morning service at 10:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. Christian Endeavor will meet at 6:30 p. m. "Our Best New Year's Greeting" will be the subject of the evening sermon to be delivered at the regular 7:30 p. m. evening vesper service. A watch service will be held at the church beginning at 11 p. m.

First Baptist

A beautiful cantata entitled "The Wise Men" will be rendered by the choir of the First Baptist Church in Walnut avenue tomorrow evening beginning at 7:30 p. m. "The Church as the Making Institution of the Kingdom" will be the subject of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. W. J. Eddy, pastor of the church, at the regular 10:45 o'clock morning service tomorrow. A junior sermon will be delivered by the pastor at 10:30 a. m., and the subject will be "Two Pieces of Paper." Sunday school will meet at 9:30 a. m. and at 10:45 a. m. there will be the junior B. Y. P. U. meeting. Senior B. Y. P. U. will be held at 6:30 p. m. and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. is scheduled for 8:45 p. m.

Central Christian

"Looking Both Ways" will be the subject of the 10:45 a. m. sermon and "1923 Resolutions" will be the subject of the 7:30 p. m. message tomorrow. Following the evening service the young people will have charge of a watch meeting which begins at 10:30 p. m. Bible school will begin at 9:30 a. m.

First M. E.

Sunday school will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Fairmont avenue and Fourth street, at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow with Superintendent C. W. Evans in charge. "Our Father" will be the subject of the sermon to be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Claude H. King at 10:45 a. m. Joseph King will be the leader at Junior League to be held at 6:30 p. m. and the subject will be "A Great Invitation." The regular evening services at 7:30 p. m. have been dispensed with and a watch night service will be held at 10 o'clock. "A New Year's special New Year's" sermon, will be delivered by the pastor of the church. Teacher's training will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. and church training night will be held at 7 o'clock Wednesday night. A business session of the official board will follow the training period. The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Boys and Girl Scouts will meet Friday night at 7:30 p. m.

M. P. Temple.

"Redeeming The Time for the Days Are Evil" is the subject of the sermon to be delivered by Dr. J. C. Broomfield at the Methodist Protestant Church in Monroe street at 10:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. Class meetings at 9 o'clock will be followed by Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor will be held at 6:45 p. m. Doctor Broomfield, pastor of the church, will preach again in the evening at 7:30 p. m. on the subject, "And the Door Was Shut," a special New Year's sermon.

First Presbyterian.

"The Secret of Unfailing Enthusiasm" is the subject of the sermon to be delivered tomorrow morning at 10:45 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and Jefferson streets, by Dr. H. G. Stoetzer. The subject that Doctor

Stoetzer will use, at the regular evening service at 7:30 p. m. is "Wonderful Things That People Will Do Tomorrow—the New Year." Bible school will be held at 9:30 a. m. with F. C. Ewan, superintendent in charge. The Junior Endeavor will be held at 2:30 p. m. and the Intermediate Society will meet at 6:30 p. m. A preparatory service will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. followed by a meeting of the board of elders.

Diamond Street M. E.

The Rev. A. D. Craig, pastor of the Diamond Street M. E. Church, will preach at both the morning service at 10:30 and the evening service at 7:30 tomorrow. The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 a. m. with Guy McDougal, superintendent, in charge. The Epworth League has changed the hour of service from 6:30 to 10:30 p. m., at which time the watch night service will be conducted and a special program rendered.

Billingslea Memorial M. E.

Sunday school will be held at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow at the Billingslea Memorial Church, with H. T. Jones, superintendent, in charge. R. T. Brown, pastor of the church, will preach at the regular 10:45 a. m. service on "New Year Meditations." Senior and Junior leagues will meet at 6:45 p. m. and at 7:30 p. m. the Rev. B. M. Keith, presiding elder of the Fairmont district, M. E. Church, South, will preach. The sermon will be followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Christian Science Society.

The Christian Science Society will hold Sunday school and preaching services in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Highland Ave. M. E.

Sunday school will be held at the Highland Avenue M. E. Church at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning with Harry Shaffer, superintendent, in charge, followed by communion services at 10:30 a. m. Junior League at 6:30 and Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. will be followed by the first of the special evangelistic services at 7:30 p. m.

First Methodist Protestant.

"Twice Born Men" is the interesting title of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. J. J. Phillips, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church, at 7:30 p. m. service tomorrow. At the morning worship service at 10:45 o'clock the Reverend Mr. Phillips will discuss the theme, "The Voice of the Past." Sunday school will convene at 9:30 a. m. under the direction of W. D. Schaefer, superintendent.

Junior Endeavor meeting will be held at 6 p. m. with Miss Vista Hall, superintendent, in charge. Jesse Gump, president of the Senior Endeavor, will direct the meeting to be held at 6:30 p. m. The cottage prayer meetings will continue during the coming week in preparation for the special evangelistic services which will begin Sunday, January 7.

First United Brethren.

A reorganization of the Sunday school will constitute an important phase of the business to be handled at the First United Brethren Church tomorrow. The reorganization will be effected following a short Sunday school period at 9:45 a. m. under the direction of the superintendent, Guy C. Campbell. Officers will be elected for the coming year, and promotion exercises will be held. Certificates of promotion will be given out. No sermon service will be held because of the reorganization work conflicting.

Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor meetings will be held at 6:30 p. m. The topic of the latter will be "Lessons From a New Year's Psalm." M. L. West will serve as leader. The pastor, the Rev. W. G. Ware, will discuss the theme, "The Perishable and the Imperishable," at the 7:30 p. m. service. Following the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be effected. A social hour will be held previous to the watch meeting and at the conclusion of the evening service. The L. L. Cook Sunday School Class will have charge of the watch meeting program.

Diamond Street M. E.

The services in the Diamond Street M. E. Church tomorrow will consist of Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., under the direction of Guy McDougal, superintendent; preaching service at 10:30 a. m.; Epworth League at 6:30 p. m., under the direction of J. R. Rymer, president; Junior Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. with Harry Brady as leader; evening worship and sermon service at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. A. D. Craig is pastor of the church.

Baptist Temple.

A feature of the morning worship service at 10:45 o'clock in the Baptist Temple tomorrow will be the sermon, "Tracking God Across the Centuries," to be given by the pastor, the Rev. J. Walter Barnes. The Reverend Mr. Barnes will discuss the subject for twenty minutes following which the choir will sing "My Wonderful Dream." The Junior B. Y. P. U. will congregate for the preaching service instead of meeting in the basement of the church. The Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30 p. m., and the World Wide Guild members will have charge of the program.

## WATSON

Celebration Held.

Local lodges, Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters, and members of their families, held a Christmas entertainment at their hall recently. A Christmas tree with brilliant trimmings bore many presents, which were distributed by a Santa Claus. Each child received a bag of candy and a present from the lodge. Owing to lack of room only a few children were invited outside of the lodge members' families.

Church Program.

A program was given at the

Methodist Protestant Church Sunday night in charge of members of the Sunday school. The yearly Sunday school treat was given the pupils at this time.

Patient Improves.

H. E. Bennett, who had his foot injured while alighting from a street car last Saturday night, which made an amputation of his toes necessary, is doing as well as could be expected at this time. Mr. Bennett was taken to a Fairmont hospital.

Pneumonia Victim.

David Jarrett has been confined to his home in Beverly Pike for the past several days suffering from an attack of pneumonia. His condition at this time is reported to be slightly better.

Class Meeting.

The Watson Singing Class was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hale in Beverly Pike one evening recently. Business of the class was adjusted after which music and a social hour was enjoyed. The Misses Georgia and Gladys Hale, who were the hostesses for the evening, served the guests with refreshments. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Johnson, Mrs. Ada Sheets, Mrs. Opal Anderson, Miss Rhea Gird, Iva Costello, Mildred Peters, Mae Costello, Irene Costello and members of the Hale family. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Opal Anderson.